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GETTING HERE

State Route 20 runs east from Burlington, accessing Baker Lake Road, and continues into the heart of North Cascades National Park and Ross Lake National Recreation Area. While a portion of the road is closed during winter, by May you can drive the entire Cascade Loop to State Route 2 as shown on the back page. Lake Chelan National Recreation Area can be accessed via Chelan off State Route 2. The Mount Baker Scenic Byway (State Route 542) leads to Heather Meadows in the Mount Baker Ranger District.

FISHING

Fishing in Washington, including in National Parks and Forests, requires a valid Washington state fishing license. The Skagit River, one of Washington’s major watersheds, is home to seven species of anadromous fish (five types of salmon and two types of trout) and freshwater trout and char.

Diablo and Gorge Lakes have been stocked with rainbow and cutthroat trout. Ross Lake offers quality sport fishing opening annually on July 1. Lake Chelan has fresh water cod, trout and kokanee, a land-locked species of salmon. The Stehekin River offers rainbow and cutthroat trout. Comply with special regulations listed in the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Sport Fishing Regulations, available wherever licenses are sold, and online at: www.wdfw.wa.gov.

STOCK

Stock animals are welcome on trails maintained to stock standards. Trail rules and seasons of use vary and special rules apply in wilderness areas.

- » Stock parties are limited to 12 (people + animals) on trails.
- » Grazing is permitted in the national forest without a permit. But all stock must use weed-free or processed feed while on National Forest lands in Wilderness Areas and at Wilderness trailheads.
- » Grazing with a permit is allowed in the Ross Lake and Lake Chelan National Recreation Areas. This can be obtained with your backcountry permit.
- » Grazing is prohibited in the national park; pack in processed food pellets.

HIKING & CLIMBING

Hundreds of miles of trails lead into the North Cascades. Storm damage may affect your trip, so check trail conditions before you leave. Most long hikes and climbs enter designated wilderness areas where special restrictions may apply. Climbers should choose experienced partners or licensed guides and fill out Voluntary Climbing Registers at the station nearest your climb. Ask for a *Wilderness Trip Planner* and *Climbing Notes* or a list of outfitter guides. Visit the Park and Forest websites for current recreation reports and climbing information.

DOGS

Dogs are not permitted on trails or in cross-country areas within the national park. Leashed dogs are allowed in Ross Lake and Lake Chelan National Recreation Areas, along the Pacific Crest Trail and along roads in the national park. Dogs are allowed in the National Forest but must be leashed in developed recreation areas. For safety reasons, dogs are not allowed on Table Mountain Trail 681 in the Heather Meadows Area.

WATER SPORTS

River floating is an excellent adventure worth planning. Experienced boaters run the Skagit, Nooksack and Stehekin Rivers. Ask for a list of local outfitters at any ranger station. Kayaking, canoeing and motor boating are other options. No personal watercraft (jet skis, etc.) are allowed in the North Cascades National Park Service Complex. Boat and paddling rentals are available at Baker Lake, Ross Lake and Lake Chelan. Ramps are located at Baker Lake, Gorge Lake, Diablo Lake, Lake Chelan and the north end of Ross Lake at Hozomeen.

BIKE

Many people tour the North Cascades by bicycle. Always travel single file on the right side of the road, use reflectors and wear bright clothing. Ask for the bulletin *Cycling the North Cascades Highway* at any ranger station. Mountain biking is not permitted on national park trails or on most west-side forest trails. However, riding is allowed on roads and on designated trails. Canyon Ridge Trail (off Canyon Creek Road, FS Road 31) and forest roads offer challenging mountain biking.

CAMPING AREAS		NUMBER OF CAMPSITES									
Location	Campground + Reservation available ++ Reservation required	Managed by	Accessible facilities	Drinking water	Flush toilets	Garbage vault toilets	Boat facilities	Hiking trail	Dump stations	Fishing	* hook-ups available
SR 542	Douglas Fir +	FS	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	30
	Excelsior Group++	FS	●				●	●		●	2
	Silver Fir +	FS	●	●	●		●	●		●	21
Baker Lake Road milepost 14-23	Kulshan	P	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	108*
	Horseshoe Cove +	FS	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		34
	Bayview Group++	FS	●				●	●		●	2
	Panorama Point+	FS	●	●	●		●	●	●		16
	Boulder Creek +	FS	●				●	●			10
	Park Creek+	FS	●				●	●		●	12
	Baker Lake Resort +	P	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	90*
	Shannon Creek +	FS	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	20
SR 20 milepost 81-180	Rasar State Park +	SP	●	●	●	●		●		●	38*
	Rockport State Park	SP	●	●	●	●		●		●	62*
	Steelhead Park +	CP	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	59*
	Goodell Creek	NP	●	●	●		●	●		●	21
	Newhalem Creek +	NP	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	110
	Colonial Creek	NP	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	107
	Lone Fir	FS	●	●	●		●	●	●		27
	Klipchuck	FS	●	●	●		●	●	●		46
	Early Winters	FS	●	●	●		●	●			13
Cascade River Road	Marble Creek +	FS	●	●			●	●		●	22
	Mineral Park +	FS	●				●	●		●	22
Via B.C.	Hozomeen	NP		●	●		●		●	●	122

FS = Forest Service SP = Washington State Park P = Puget Sound Energy
NP = National Park Service CP = County Park

CAMPING

Many public campgrounds in the North Cascades are accessible by car. Most sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Group reservations can be made a year in advance and family sites may be reserved six months in advance by calling (877) 444-6777, or online: www.recreation.gov

National Forest: Camping in the National Forest does not require a permit, but a Northwest Forest Pass may be required to camp at certain trailheads. Campers in the Mt. Baker National Recreation Area and some areas of the wilderness must camp at designated spots. Campfires are not allowed in many backcountry areas in sub-alpine settings and seasonal fire restrictions apply.

National Park Backcountry: There are more than 200 backcountry camping sites, from boat-in sites to high alpine backpacking sites. Camping is allowed only at established sites. Camps include pit toilets, tent pads and in some cases, tables and fire pits. Backcountry permits are free but are required for all overnight stays. Permits are issued in person only on a first-come, first-served basis. For permit information, contact:
Wilderness Information Center
7280 Ranger Station Road
Marblemount, WA 98267
Phone: (360) 873-4500

North Cascades National Park offers group and some individual camping reservations. Group camps in the park are located at Goodell Creek and Newhalem Creek campgrounds. Washington State Parks reserves some sites by calling (888) 226-7688, or online at: www.parks.wa.gov